



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome our Reception children and families to Christ the King this week. We hope you already feel part of the CTK community and we look forward to meeting you at school events. I know that our new children will 'Believe and Achieve' and we look forward to working in partnership with you to provide the best possible Catholic education.

Since the start of term, our staff have spent time teaching our children the routines and behaviours for them to be *safe*, to be *happy* and to *learn* really well at CTK. We will continue to practise these routines and behaviours over the coming weeks so they become habits. This is intended to assist the children's' development of character into virtuous, resilient and successful young people.

Please ask your children to share with you what they have learned. You will find a copy of our Behaviour Policy on our school website: [CTK Behaviour Policy](#).

## **Our Catholic Mission**

On Monday, children and staff were joined by Fr Cahill, from Blessed Sacrament Church, to lead an assembly on 'Encounter' which is the Bishop's theme we are focusing on this term. Fr Cahill explained to the children that Encounter is a 'special meeting' and he shared with us three different ways we can meet Christ in our everyday lives: through prayer, the sacraments and how we live each day.

## **Parish Links:**

### **First Holy Communion 2023**

Children in Year 3 or above, who live in the Parish of Blessed Sacrament and St. Peter's, are now eligible to apply to make their First Holy Communion. Application forms are available by email from the Parish Office: [stpetersleicester@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersleicester@gmail.com)

The deadline for returning application forms is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 12-noon.

An initial meeting for parents will take place at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 4pm, to explain how the preparations will proceed.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the weekend we celebrate Corpus Christi, has been provisionally booked for First Holy Communion.

## **Relationship Sex and Health Education Parent session for Year 5 and 6 Parents REMINDER**

Please join Miss Dodd in the **Junior Library on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm** to learn more about the content of the statutory RSHE curriculum your children will be receiving this year if they are now in Year 5 or Year 6. The session will outline what programme we use, how it fits with the Catholic context of our school, and how you can support your child at home.



## Stars of the Week

### CTK Infants

1SR	Kacper
1SL	Chloe
1RH	Penny
2EO	Mati
2NT	Andrew
2SF	Albie

### CTK Juniors

3GH	Saiorse
3TP	Julia
3AP	Lily Mae
4LM/LW	Gershom
4HB	Dominik W
4GO	Victor
5VD	Adam
5HS	Ollie G
5SN	Oliwier
6LS	Braydon
6DM	Kushar
6EG	Dubem

### Attendance and Punctuality

A letter was sent to all parents this week about the school's procedure for attendance and punctuality. *The school's target is 97% and we will be monitoring the attendance of all pupils closely this year to ensure we reach pre COVID levels.*

We have recently updated our Attendance and Punctuality Policy following parental feedback last year and this can be accessed via our [school website](#).

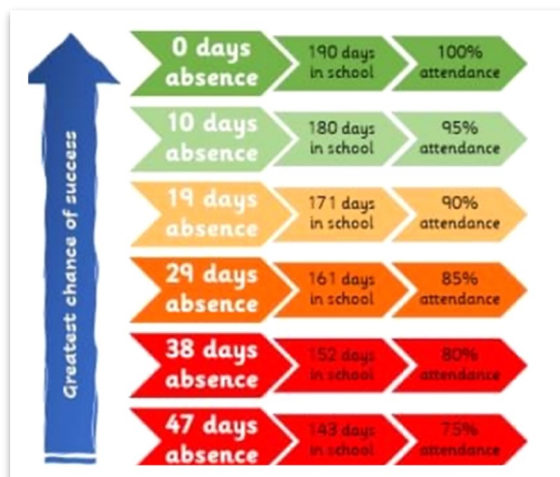
Any child that arrives after the school bell will have to enter the school via the school office and will receive a *late* mark on the register. Any child arriving after registers close will receive an unauthorised absence mark.

**Infant Site - School bell rings 8.45 and the registers close at 9.00**

**Junior Site - School bell rings at 8.25 and the registers close at 8.45**

As a school we constantly strive to deliver the best Catholic education for all children in order for them to fulfil their potential and punctuality and attendance are key factors in your child's success. Thank you for your support in this.

**If your child is absent from school, please remember that you must phone the school daily to report the absence.**





## **House Captains**

Last Friday, we had our House Assemblies and the children have nominated new House Captains for this term. Thank you to all our Year 2 and Year 6 children who put themselves forward for this important responsibility and congratulations to our new elected House Captains.

	Year 2	Year 6
<b>St Francis</b>	Charlotte + Mikundi	Remiah + Lilly
<b>St John Bosco</b>	Kacper + Essie	Alexa + Braydon
<b>St Bernadette</b>	Albie + Julia	Oscar + Hannah A
<b>St Anne</b>	Ola + Owen	Anaida + Josh

## **Parent Curriculum Meetings**

Over the next month, parents will be invited into school for a parent introduction meeting. The purpose of these meetings will be to:

- Meet your child's class teacher
- Find out what your child will be learning this year
- Find out about the statutory tests they may be taking
- Learn about trips, visits, and extra-curricular learning
- Find out how you can support your child at home with their learning
- Find out key information at school life at CTK

***You will also have the chance to see their classroom. We hope you can join us. Please see the dates and times at the end of the newsletter for your year group.***

## **Uniform**

In line with our behaviour policy, we are asking all children to 'Dress to Impress!' Children should aim to look smart at all times. All children will be expected to wear full school uniform and to wear it well... shirts should be tucked in, school shoes must be worn, no boots or trainers etc. Nails should not be painted and hair should be tied back. On PE days, children should attend school wearing a white polo t-shirt, navy shorts, a plain navy tracksuit and trainers.

We want the children to feel proud to wear the uniform of Christ the King and to have high expectations of their own appearance, making them excellent ambassadors for the school. I would ask you to support us with this and to encourage your child to look smart every day. Please see the website detailing the school uniform requirements at CTK: [School Uniform](#).

***Please note - parents are not required to buy any branded uniform items unless they wish to. Our Parents Association regularly organise second-hand uniform sales to support our parents with the cost of uniform.***



## **Eco Schools Green Flag Award**

Thanks to the great effort of our Eco Team, Mrs Koenig, Mrs Thornton and Miss Orrill, we are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag Award. This is something CTK renew each year and we are very proud of the work that we continue to do to protect God's creation.



Our Eco Team will be promoting more initiatives this year particularly with the rise in energy costs.

## **REMINDER Arbor**

Please can all parents make sure they have set up their account on Arbor as this will be the primary method for you to register, book and pay for any events in school, for example, clubs, trips, dinners, parents' evening, breakfast club and afterschool club. Please speak to the school office if you are having any problems with setting up your Arbor account. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we begin to use Arbor and fix some early problems. The Trust is working to ensure that the system works as planned.

## **Year 6 children moving to secondary school from August 2022**

Online applications for secondary schools are now open. Applications can be made online at [Starting secondary school \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://startingsecondaryschool.leicester.gov.uk) and will need to be submitted by no later than Monday **31 October 2022**. If you apply after this date, your application will be considered as late and you may miss out on your choice of school. Please remember that if you are applying for a Catholic school you must also complete the Supplementary Form.

An information letter will be sent to all Year 6 parents soon which details the admission process.

## **Thought for the Week**

*"Don't be anxious about what you have, but about what you are!"*

*Pope St Gregory the Great*

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Important Dates for Advent Term 1

<b>Week beginning 12th September</b>	Bikeability continues for Year 6
<b>Monday 12th September</b>	<b>Meeting for parents of children in Y5 &amp; Y6</b> — Relationships, Sex, and Health Education curriculum (RSHE) Junior Site 2:30pm
<b>Friday 16th September</b>	National Day of Appreciation for Teaching Assistants
<b>Week beginning 19th September</b>	Bikeability begins for Year 5
<b>Monday 19th September</b>	<b>RE Parent Curriculum meeting</b> (all year groups) - Junior Site 2.30pm
<b>Friday 23rd September</b>	6DM Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Monday 26th September</b>	Assemblies from Braunstone Foodshare for our Harvest collections <b>Food donations collected from today</b>
<b>Monday 26th September</b>	<b>Y1 Parent Curriculum meeting</b> — Infant Site 2:50pm
<b>Tuesday 27th September</b>	<b>Y2 Parent Curriculum meeting</b> — Infant Site 2:50pm
<b>Wednesday 28th September</b>	<b>Reception Parent Curriculum meeting</b> — Infant Site 2:50pm
<b>Friday 30th September</b>	6EG Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Friday 30th September</b>	Training day for new class chaplains
<b>Monday 3rd October</b>	5SN class trip to the Botanical Gardens
<b>Monday 3rd October</b>	<b>Y4 Parent Curriculum meeting</b> — Junior Site 2:30pm
<b>Monday 3rd October</b>	Fr Cahill teaching Junior children the music for mass
<b>Tuesday 4th October</b>	5HS class trip to the Botanical Gardens
<b>Tuesday 4th October</b>	<b>Y6 Parent Curriculum meeting</b> — Junior Site 2:30pm
<b>Wednesday 5th October</b>	National Day of Appreciation for Teachers
<b>Wednesday 5th October</b>	5VD class trip to the Botanical Gardens
<b>Wednesday 5th October</b>	<b>Y3 Parent Curriculum meeting</b> — Junior Site 2:30pm
<b>Wednesday 5th October</b>	Governors' meeting
<b>Thursday 6th October</b>	<b>Y5 Parent Curriculum meeting</b> — Junior Site 2:30pm
<b>Friday 7th October</b>	6LS Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Monday 10th October</b>	<b>Y2 &amp; Y6 Joint Mass</b> — Junior Site 2:00pm <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Tuesday 11th October</b>	<b>Parents' Evening 3:20pm—7:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th October</b>	<b>Parents' Evening 3:20pm—5:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 13th October</b>	Last day to bring in food donations for the Braunstone Foodshare (our Harvest charity)
<b>Friday 14th October</b>	<b>Harvest Liturgies</b> — <b>Parents Welcome</b> Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
<b>Friday 14th October</b>	<b>School finishes for the October Half Term</b> <i>Normal school closure times</i>
<b>Week beginning 17th October</b>	<b>School closed for half term</b>



## Important Dates for Advent Term 2

<b>Monday 24th October</b>	School reopens
<b>Tuesday 25th October</b>	Y1 Indian Dance Workshop
<b>Thursday 27th October</b>	Junior Site Individual School Photos (+ Infant Siblings 8:25am) - Junior Site
<b>Friday 28th October</b>	Infant Site Individual School Photos - Infant Site
<b>Friday 28th October</b>	2EO Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am - Infant Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Tuesday 1st November</b>	Feast of All Saints
<b>Tuesday 1st November</b>	<b>New School Starters Open Event</b> - Infant Site 1:30pm
<b>Wednesday 2nd November</b>	<b>Feast of All Souls School Mass at Mother of God Church @ 10:30am</b> Y1, Y3, Y5 and class chaplains attending — <b>Parents Welcome</b> <i>Class chaplains will be blessed at commissioned at this service</i>
<b>Friday 4th November</b>	2NT Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am - Infant Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Week beginning 7th November</b>	Judaism Week begins Assemblies from the Hebrew Society
<b>Wednesday 9th November</b>	Y3 Synagogue trip as part of Judaism Week
<b>Wednesday 9th November</b>	Flu Vaccinations for pupils
<b>Thursday 10th November</b>	Remembrance Day Liturgy for Infant Site 9:00am— <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Friday 11th November</b>	Remembrance Day Liturgy for Junior Site 2:25pm— <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Friday 11th November</b>	2SF Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am - Infant Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Week beginning 14th November</b>	Mission Week begins Anti-bullying Week begins
<b>Wednesday 16th November</b>	<b>6DM final swimming session</b>
<b>Wednesday 16th November</b>	Governors' Meeting
<b>Thursday 17th November</b>	5SN Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Friday 18th November</b>	<b>School closed for teacher inset day</b>
<b>Sunday 20th November</b>	<b>Feast of Christ the King Family Mass</b> <i>Church location and time TBC</i>
<b>Monday 21st November</b>	Feast of Christ the King Liturgies— <b>Parents Welcome</b> Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
<b>Tuesday 22nd –29th November</b>	<b>Book Fair</b>
<b>Wednesday 23rd November</b>	<b>6EG swimming sessions begin</b>
<b>Friday 25th November</b>	5HS Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Sunday 27th November</b>	<b>Season of Advent begins</b>



## Important Dates for Advent Term 2 continued

Monday 28th November	<b>Advent Liturgies—Parents Welcome</b> Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
Friday 2nd December	5VD Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Friday 2nd December	<b>Sponsored Sleepover in Junior Hall—Y3 &amp; class chaplains</b> Time TBC <i>All monies raised will go to a refugee charity as part of our Advent fundraising</i>
Monday 5th—Wednesday 7th December	<b>Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle</b>
Friday 9th December	<b>National Christmas Jumper Day</b>
Friday 9th December	<b>CTK Trophy Assemblies for the Advent Term</b> <i>Parents of winners will be invited</i> Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:15pm
Monday 12th December	<b>Y1 &amp; Y5 Joint Mass— Junior Site 2:00pm Parents Welcome</b>
Tuesday 13th—Thursday 15th December	<b>Reception Carol Service, KS1 Christmas Performances, KS2 Carol Concerts will be scheduled for these days— Times and locations TBC</b>
Friday 16th December	<b>Christingle Liturgies—Parents Welcome</b> Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
Friday 16th December	<b>School finishes for the Christmas Holidays</b> <i>Normal school closure times</i>
Monday 19th Dec— Tuesday 3rd Jan	<b>School closed for Christmas Holidays</b>
Tuesday 3rd January	<b>School closed to pupils—teacher training day</b>
Wednesday 4th January	<b>School reopens to pupils for the new term ahead</b>